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The QR Code/link provides access to:

- The presentation slides,
- The ability to ask the presenter questions,
- Sign in as a PTA/PTO Representative, SEAC member or the public.
- SEAC Business Meeting materials

SEAC Meeting

January 6, 2021



The **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)** works alongside parents, students, educators, staff and the school board to identify needs, suggest improvements, and advance the interests of students receiving special education services in Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) to help ensure that students with disabilities have access to and receive an appropriate, individualized and inclusive public education.

The Role of SEAC

THE ROLE OF SEAC AND VIRGINIA REGULATIONS

The Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia reflect the state and federal requirements for the provision of special education and related services. The regulations mandate that an active SEAC exists, as well as specific functions of the SEAC, as specified by Section 8VAC20-81-230 D.2, which are as follows:

1. Advise the local school division of needs in the education of students with disabilities;
2. Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of students with disabilities;
3. Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of students with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local school board;
4. Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of students with disabilities for educational services;
5. Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board; and
6. Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan.



The Role of SEAC

Public Comment



- SEAC uses public feedback to inform our work to advise School Board on special education needs
- **Focus on system-wide issues**, rather than individual concerns or specific situations (*please do not use student or staff names*)
- Verbal comment may be given. **Please complete and submit comment form tonight (please be sure to follow-up with SEAC Secretary with your written comment)**
- Written comment may be read by author or SEAC Chair
- Remarks limited to 3 minutes

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- 2018 requested staff to conduct a review of K-12 special education services,

SEAC Chair Report



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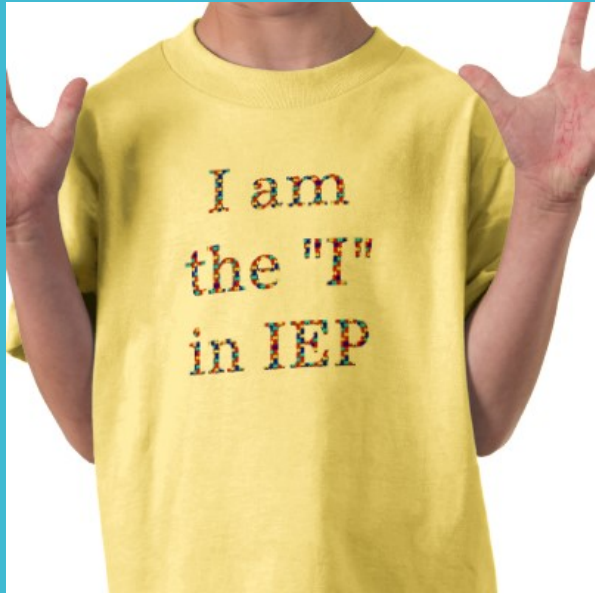
- Examine the processes used by school division to enroll students in special education,
- Determine the services needed by students with disabilities,
- Provide the needed services, and
- Review the effectiveness of VDOE in its supervisory role.

Membership

- PTA/PTO Representatives and Member Training
27 Schools with PTA/PTO Representatives (70 are needed)
16 members – 5 open membership positions

Membership application and SEAC bylaws are on the LCPS website on the SEAC page

SEAC Chair Report



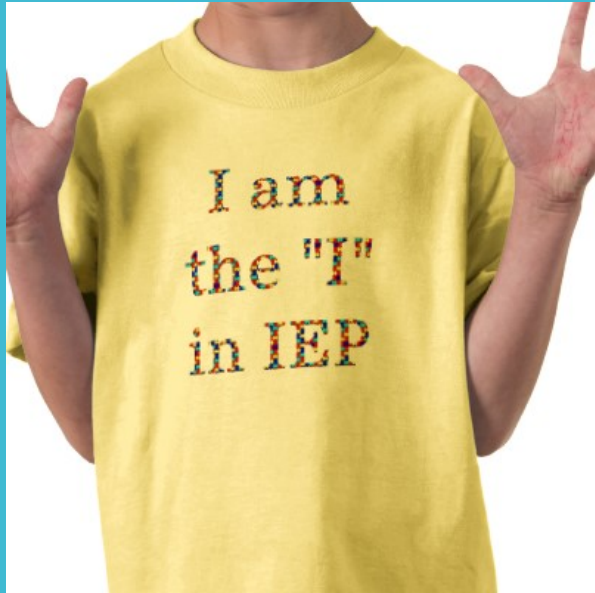
Executive Committee

- Next Meeting, January 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

In Progress:

- Redline of Bylaws – Posted for Review
- Training video has been completed and emailed to all current members and PTA/PTO Representatives
- CII – Five (5) Mile Radius – SSS Committee
 - ~ Presentation 5-mile limit is extendable and not binding factor
 - ~ 2013-14 Annual Report – concern with bus rides over an hour and restricted bus routes
 - ~ 2015-2016 – 5- mile radius with the exception of LVH and WHS and Sycolin Creek ES – 8 miles

SEAC Chair Report



Upcoming Events:

FY 22 Superintendent's Budget Presentation

- **January 7 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**
- **School Board Operating Budget Work Sessions**
 - ° January 12, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
 - ° January 14, 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Equity Committee

- Craig Metz is our SEAC Representative

2020-2021 School Year SEAC MEETINGS

February 3, 2021

Hidden Disabilities and Executive Functioning

Presented by Dr. Mahhu Boland
Mindwell Psychology

March 3, 2021

Transition Planning for College Bound Students

Presented by Hannah Serota, CEO, M.Ed., CEP
Creative College Connections



SEAC Leadership:

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Introduction of SEAC Officers and Liaisons

SEAC Chair Report



SEAC Current Work (cont.):

Subcommittee Formation

SEAC has 3 standing Committees

- Policy and Compliance:
 - ~ Independent Educational Evaluations (IEE)
 - ~ Review Proposed Budget
 - ~ January 13, 21, and 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- Specialized Programs and Services
 - ~ Specialized Reading
 - ~ Transition Services
- Executive Functioning and Social-Emotional Learning



Parent Resource Services
Loudoun County Public Schools



**Kindergarten Connection:
Moving on from Early Childhood Special
Education with an IEP**
Thursday, January 14, 2021
6:30 pm—8:00 pm
**This workshop will be livestreamed and
registration is required to receive the link
to the workshop.**

Get ready for this important
transition by joining us for:

- A discussion of the referral process and special education continuum of services;
- An overview of the Kindergarten program;
- A panel presentation by special and general educators from a variety of programs.



[Click](#) for registration.

To submit questions prior to the presentation, please use this [link](#). Questions must be submitted by Monday, January 11, 2021.

This presentation will be recorded and posted at lcpss.org/ParentResourceServices.



Parent Resource Services
Loudoun County Public Schools

MANDT Overview for Parents Virtual Webinar Series

Session 1: Thursday, January 28th

Session 2: Thursday, February 4th
6:30 PM— 7:30 PM

Presented by:

Alison Lyons, Behavior Specialist

The Mandt® program was developed in 1975 and has been a teaching tool in many settings and professional fields worldwide. The focus is on treating people with dignity and respect, building healthy relationships, and implementing proactive interactions. This presentation is in two parts and will provide information to parents regarding the basic Mandt® principles as they relate to relationship skills, conflict resolution, and communication. The philosophy of the Mandt® system is based on “Putting People First” and “Supporting People, Not Just Their Behaviors.”™

Session 1: The focus will be on developing healthy, positive relationships when interacting with people.

Session 2: The focus will be to review effective communication and healthy ways to navigate conflicts. Building healthy, positive relationships between and among people is the ultimate goal of the Mandt® training program.



Registration is required. [Click](#) to register.
A link to the session will be emailed the day of the presentation.

Sessions will be recorded and posted with closed captioning in a variety of languages.
Parent Resource Services 571-252-6540
lcpss.org/ParentResourceServices

Loudoun County Public Schools Department of Pupil Services



Mental Health & Wellness Conference

Navigating the Path to Student Wellness



Virtual Conference

Saturday, January 30, 2021

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



**ACT ON
Addiction**

Inova Presents:

**Act on Addiction: Tools for Resiliency
During Unprecedented Times**

Sponsored by Joan and Russell Hitt

January 25 – 29

In Partnership with LCPS



Free event for parents and community members.

*Featuring virtual concurrent breakout sessions with live
Q&A and a virtual Loudoun resource fair.*



Parent Resource Services
Loudoun County Public Schools

Understanding Dyslexia: A Helpful Parent's Guide

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Video Presentation

Stephanie Edwards, LCPS Dyslexia Advisor and SIF-R
provides a brief and informative overview of the
definitions and subtypes of dyslexia.



For more resource visit **Parent Resource Services** at
lcps.org/parentresourceservices.



The Neurological Loop of Reading: The Why of Specialized Reading Practices

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Video Presentation

Jennifer Sassano, LCPS
Special Education Supervisor
of Specialized Reading,
provides a deeper dive into
previous sessions on dyslexia
and the instructional match
process by explaining how
the practices in specialized
reading instruction connect
with the development of
cognitive processes involved
in the neurological loop of
reading.



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Parent Resource Services
Loudoun County Public Schools

Where Can I Find Resources To Help Any Child Use Technology?

Video Presentation

This video guides viewers through a variety of resources available to help families learn how technology can be used to support learning.

To Include:

- Ensuring materials work for all learners
- Reading support
- Writing support
- STEAM support
- Executive Functioning support
- Research and Study support
- Communication support



[CLICK](#) for the video presentation.

Go to lcpss.org/parentresourceservices for more resources.

How Do I Contact Parent Resource Services?

- Loudoun County Public School Administrative Building
21000 Education Court, Ashburn, VA 20148
- 571-252-6540
- Leanne Kidwell – Leanne.Kidwell@lcps.org
- Pam Spiering – Pamala.Spiering@lcps.org
- [Lcps.org/ParentResourceServices](https://lcps.org/ParentResourceServices)
- Like Us on Facebook: LCPS Parent Resource Services
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Reports Updates and Announcements

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School Board Liaison, Beth Barts

- The School Board meets at 4:00 every second and fourth Tuesdays.
- The public can visit the School Board page on the LCPS website to see a listing of emails and phone numbers for their individual district representative along with the At-Large. The entire Board can be emailed at lcsb@lcps.org.

Updates:

- ✧ Dr. Scott Ziegler was appointed as interim Superintendent
- ✧ The School Board met for its annual organizational meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021. Ms. Sheridan and Ms. Reaser were re-elected unanimously as Board Chair and Vice Chair.
- ✧ The following action items were also approved: Restructuring of the Board's standing committees continuing the Equity Committee for 2021.

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Updates Cont.:

☼ The Board will consider motions on the 12th relating to the return to in-person learning.

*No changes, we continue to use the community transmission metrics (PCR percent positivity rate and cases per 100k persons) only. They are currently over 14% and 400.

*The in-school transmission metrics are implemented *in addition to* the community transmission metrics. If both the community transmission metrics are above the threshold, we would remain in all DL, but once we fall below one of the two metrics and in-person instruction resumed, the in-school transmission metrics would be used to guide when individual classrooms, schools, or clusters would close.

*The in-school transmission metrics are implemented and the CORE indicators (the positivity rate and cases per 100k) are not used.

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Updates Cont.:

- ✱ Dr. Mark Smith was appointed as interim Chief of Staff
- ✱ Dr. Lucia Sebastian was appointed as interim Assistant Superintendent for HRTD.

Reports Updates and Announcements



Office of Special Education

Dr. Patricia Nelson, Director of Special Education
Response to Public Comment

Department of Pupil Services

Dr. Asia Jones, Assistance Superintendent of Pupil Services

Business



Special Education Task Force:

- Draft Report is in Final Edits
- Posted for Public Comment



Thank you!

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